

***Raising Charitable Children* Presentation at Lake Forest Country Day School**

How many times have we heard ourselves, our friends, or our kids' grandparents complain that children have too many things and don't appreciate any of it? We all enjoy doing things for children. But at the same time, many of us fear that without some balance, most children will grow up thinking only of themselves. As we start a new year, the Parent Association of Lake Forest Country Day School invites you to a presentation to learn about ways to address some of these concerns.

Who: Carol Weisman, MSW, CSP and MOM, will speak about her book, *Raising Charitable Children*

When: Wednesday January 30, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Where: Lake Forest Country Day School, 145 S. Green Bay Road, Lake Forest

Free Book: Given to the first 50 adults to arrive (one per family, please)

Carol Weisman is an internationally recognized expert on philanthropy, fundraising, and nonprofit governance. She not only has a background in family therapy (as a pediatric social worker) but also in stand-up comedy, which no doubt explains why she is in constant demand as a keynote speaker.

According to Weisman, "Children today are inundated with all kinds of messages about being consumers - to want for themselves rather than to give of themselves. What they need even more is the warmth of human contact - the warmth that comes from giving more than receiving."

In her book, Weisman shares real-life stories collected from all over the world of how parents and others involved with children have found ways to teach them how to give to those in need. After each of the stories, Weisman offers specific steps to help anyone translate these ideas into action. In this way, she turns what might have been just a lot of wonderful stories into a set of practical maps or models anyone can use to start making a difference now.

In her own family, Weisman, her husband and young sons started a family tradition of making a small donation to a program or charity of each son's choice on his birthday. This was not in lieu of a party or gifts, but in addition to them. In another section, Weisman talks about a grandmother of three who, when asked what she wanted for her birthday, told her grandchildren to "Do something for someone else, draw a picture of what you did, and then tell me the story."

Attending *Raising Charitable Children* may help instill some cherished values, and will possibly create a new family tradition or two. Plus you'll probably enjoy a few laughs along the way.